

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DECEMBER 18, 2001

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Hartman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Lonnie Logan. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGJ.

2a APPROVE INTERLOCAL ADDENDUM TO GIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that addendum will enable the county to take advantage of joint purchases of services to update the GIS databases. This is an addendum to the interlocal agreement. Chris Buskohl was present and he explained the process of the aerial photographs that will be taken. The money for this project has already been included in the current budget. Logan made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the addendum agreement. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

4. BETTY CURTIS PRESENTATION OF REPORT ON HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION – Betty Curtis was present and presented the County Board with a copy of the report. She stated that the collections have done down and they may consider an eighteen month period instead of twelve months. They still had 500 vehicles come into the collection site. She also requested the \$3,000.00 from the keno funds for the next collection. Logan made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the request of \$3,000.00 for the next hazardous waste collection. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA - Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. 11 accept and place on file the keno audits for June and September
2. 12 Receive and place on file the tort claim of Janet Sheetz
3. 13 Approve Resolution #01-0079 for pledge security for the County Clerk from Wells Fargo Bank in the amount of \$2,200,000.00
4. Accept and place on file the office reports from the Clerk of the District Court
5. Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
6. Accept and place on file communications as received.

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

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FEES & INTEREST ON ACT #2-200-4	\$2,858.59
INTEREST EARNED ON ACT #114-0090191	1.26

9. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PARTICIPATION IN NEBRASKA USED OIL COLLECTION PROGRAM – Eriksen stated that he had worked with the city on finding a location for the stationary used oil tanks and they were receptive, but after further consideration the city determined that there are fourteen places in Grand Island for the disposal of the used oil. In the rural areas the large collectors will go to the farm sites and collect the used oil. So, at this time, he does not see a lot of support for the program in Hall County because there is not a definite need.

10 DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR 2003-2006 TERM – Hartman stated that the salary resolution in front of the board members is the result of the work-study session from last night, December 17. The board discussed all of the information contained in the present resolution. Jeffries made a motion and Logan seconded to approve Resolution #-1-0080 Establishing Salaries for Elected Officials for 2003-2006. Eriksen stated that he would like to address several items. Eriksen stated that he is still concerned with the salary for the surveyor and thinks the board should consider all of the options. He questioned if this could be a part-time position. Jerry Janulewicz stated that the surveyor is an elected position and because of state statute it is necessary to set the salary. However, the board could divide the highway superintendent duties and hire a road foreman and the county surveyor could be the ex-officio highway superintendent. The board must set the salary for this position but it could be a part-time office. When he did the research on this matter the only county that they could compare it to was Sarpy and it is much larger. Jeffries stated that he is satisfied with the salary that the board discussed and feels that it will draw good candidates and does not want to postpone this matter. Eriksen also expressed concern on the salary for the county supervisors, the elected officials will receive 12.8% and the board members will receive a 27% increase, he would like to see it at a comparable percentage with other counties. Hartman stated that they should take into consideration the size of Hall County and the number of meetings that the board members attend. Lancaster also stated that she thinks the increase for the board members is too high. Logan stated that he wanted to respond to Eriksen's concern. He stated that this recommendation is not the recommendation of the board members but from NACO. Arnold agreed with Logan and supports the increase. He stated that when you work fulltime you loose work hours and are behind. The vote on the motion to approve the resolution was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

18 DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST FROM CENTRAL NEBRASKA DRUG COURT FOR APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION – Jerry Janulewicz stated that the drug court has applied for a federal in the amount of \$499,000.00 and they are requesting county board approval. This grant will require a 25% local match or in-kind match. Some of the fees and time can be used toward the match. The interlocal agreement requires that they actively seek grant funds. Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to authorize the drug court to apply for the grant. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

5. 9:30 A.M. PRESENTATION – HUMAN SERVICES NEEDS ASSESSMENT – Cindy Johnson with the City of Grand Island, Karen Rathje, President of the Heartland United Way and Tim Keelan with Hanna: Keelan Associates, P.C. Community Planning and Research were present to review the survey. Ms. Johnson stated that the purpose of the survey was to do a comprehensive review of all the human services that are available to Hall County residents and to determine if there are duplications and or gaps in the services. They wanted to identify where the needs may be and this will be used for requests for funding for the different agencies.

Tim Keelan was one of the consultants that worked on this project. He stated that they held meetings with numerous participants to establish a base line for the survey. The second stage was to develop the action plan. This plan will allow for the implementation of the priority human services in Grand Island. The assessment produced 14 areas of need. Mr. Keelan reviewed the priority areas. He stated that this was a positive planning experience for the community. The providers in the community can use this plan when they put together their annual plan and know where the funding may be available. Mr. Keelan answered questions from the board.

6. 9:45 A.M. BID OPENING FOR MOWER TRACTOR FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to open the bids for the mower/tractor. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

The following bids were received:

BIDDER	LIST PRICE	TRADE-IN	NET COST	DELIVERY
TONERS INC				
CX100 Powershift	\$46,056.00	\$17557.00	\$28,499.00	3/31/2002
CX100	\$46,056.00	\$17,557.00	\$27,719.00	3/31/2002
NEW HOLLAND				
TL100 Standard	\$29,899.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$25,899.00	90-120 days
TL100 Deluxe	\$34,569.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$30,569.00	90-120 days
GREENLINE EQUIP				
6405	\$44,478.15	\$15,668.00	\$28,810.00	4/15/2002
6320	\$47,215.41	\$17,330.41	\$29,885.00	6/2002
LANDELL THELEN				
6405	\$46,825.00	\$16,125.00	\$30,750.00	120 days

Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

15 JAN PELLAND COUNTY ASSESSOR REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR APPRAISAL PROJECTS - This request was referred to committee from the December 11, 2001 meeting for review and recommendation. Lancaster stated that the committee met and they recommend to release funding for projects 2, 3, 8, and 9 with a total cost of \$39,345.00. Discussion was held on projects 8 and 9. Pelland stated if projects 8 and 9 are done it would be more economical to also do project 7 at the same time. Lancaster expressed her concern on the comparable sales that were used on the property that was purchased from CAAP. Pelland stated that she has to use like sales and cannot use just one sale or this would be sale chasing. The vote was taken on the motion to release funds. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and Logan voted no. Motion carried.

7. 10:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON E-911 SURCHARGE – Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded it to open the public hearing for the E-911 Surcharge increase. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Howard Maxon was present to provide information and answer questions concerning the request to increase the surcharge from fifty cents to one dollar. This increase will be used for the Hall County public safety agencies to maintain the new enhanced E-911 technology. He stated that this matter was brought to the county board on July 3rd and it was tabled. All of the other agencies had approved it at that time. By state statute it is necessary to hold the public hearing and approve the resolution to increase the surcharge. The surcharge is collected by the phone companies.

Chief of Police Kyle Hetrick was present to support the increase of the surcharge. He said the funds would be used for the maintenance for the mobile data computers.

Mr. Maxon added that the legislation for the surcharge on wireless communications has been introduced and some of those fees will come back to the communities.

Sheriff Jerry Watson spoke in support of the surcharge increase. The new technology will be much cheaper than having to hire more people. These funds will support and maintain the system. The surcharge does not just come from Hall County it includes the communities of Cairo, Alda, Doniphan and Wood River. It also affects Howard, Merrick and Hamilton counties. It is estimated that the increase will generate \$140,000.00 annually.

Will Bennett also spoke in support of the project. These funds will help support the E-911 project. Logan expressed concern on the fact that the computer budget does not go down and the additional costs involved on the annual replacement of the computer equipment. These costs are paid by taxpayers. Bennett stated that since the City comes on board there are more people on the network and the more users that are on it should reduce the cost. Arnold stated that this may not be a money saving project, they will be spending more money to provide a better service and make a safer community. Bennett stated that a time study showed that it would enable the patrol to be back on the

streets faster. Hartman expressed concern on a recent fire call where the right fire department did not respond. Bennett stated that with the new GIS database, these problems would be addressed.

Lancaster stated concern on the constant need for new and more equipment and the need for money for upkeep. These fund will provide an additional source of revenue.

Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to close the public hearing on the E-911 surcharge. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

8. 10:55 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Eriksen made a motion and Humiston seconded to open the public hearing on the district health department. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Logan all voted yes and none voted no with Lancaster absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Health Director Sonja Simpson was present for the public hearing to answer any questions.

She stated that Merrick and Hamilton counties have held their public hearings. This new district health department will be county driven. The board questioned who would be on the planning board and she stated that each county would have to decide. There can be one county supervisor and a dentist and a physician and a concerned citizen. Jeffries stated he wants to make sure that Hall County has ample representation and voting power. The planning board will make the decision on the number of people on the board. Merrick County will retain their current office and Hamilton County would like to have a presence, which could be a room in a building in that county. The Hall County office will stay here. Discussion was held on the money that will be spent on each person and Jeffries expressed concern that the Hall County dollars will not stay in Hall County. Ms. Simpson stated that that was not true because they will continue to receive grant money along with the per capita funds.

Arnold stated that the dollars contributed by Hall County will be significant and he expressed concern on the number of representatives that each county will be allowed and feels that there should be some balance. Hartman stated that MidPlains Center had the same problem when they started, but when the number of representatives from each group was equal it worked better. Logan questioned when the planning committee would be formed and the county board will need to make a decision on this.

11:07 a.m. Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to close the public hearing for the district health department. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Ms. Simpson suggested that the county board might want to consider the formation of the planning board and the representatives that will be on it. The county board will make the appointments for this board. Lancaster stated that the board needs to be consistent on the appointments. They should accept applications and schedule interviews and not accept recommendations for appointments. Ms. Simpson stated that this would be a planning board only.

17 COMMENCE AUDIT OF MONTHLY CLAIMS – The board members review the monthly claims and Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the claims as audited and authorize the clerk to pay. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

15 JAN PELLAND COUNTY ASSESSOR PRESENTATION ON INCOME APPROACH TO AG VALUES – Discussion was held and Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to table this agenda item until the next meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

County Clerk Marla Conley stated that the notification of county highway superintendent needed to be approved before December 31 and this was not on the agenda. She requested that the board add this as an emergency item.

Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to add the item to authorize the chair to sign the notification of county highway superintendent to the agenda. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to authorize the chair to sign the highway incentive notification. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Arnold stated that he wanted to clarify the action that was taken December 11, concerning the motion to close the county buildings for the entire day on Christmas Eve. The board voted to close the buildings for the entire day instead of half of a day. The board can close the buildings and non-essential offices can be closed but essential employees will be scheduled to work as determined by the department director. It is their responsibility to determine who is essential and non-essential. Some offices cannot close and this is not a legal holiday. Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to clarify the motion by adding that the department directors will determine who the essential and non-essential employees are and schedule work hours accordingly. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Stacey Ruzicka reminded the board members about the reception for Tom Jamison that will be held today at 2:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Logan – no report

Jeffries – no report

Lancaster – She reported that she attended the Senior Citizens meeting, Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting and the juvenile justice committee meeting. She wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Arnold – He attended the juvenile committee meeting and worked on the planning grant application.

Humiston – He attended the computer committee meeting and will have an Economic Development meeting tomorrow.

Eriksen – He stated that he was to have a Health Board meeting but they did not have a quorum so the meeting was rescheduled.

Hartman – no report

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Hartman called for any other old or unfinished business and no one responded. He wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next meeting will be January 8, 2002.

Marla J. Conley, Hall County Clerk

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